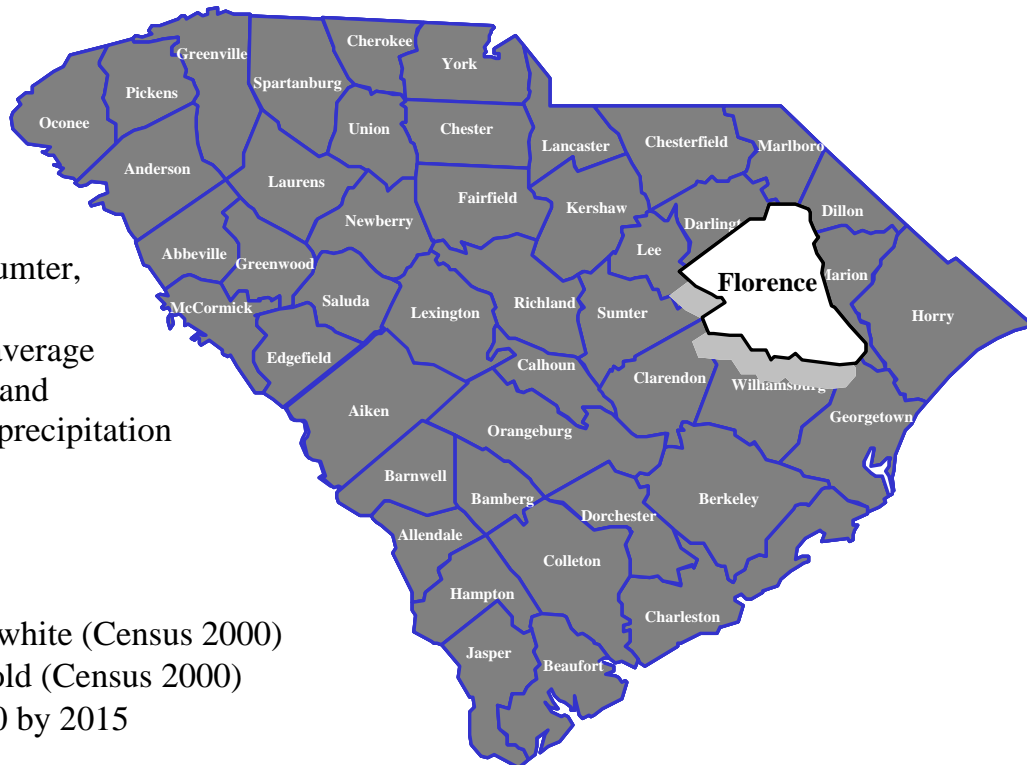


# *Spotlight on Florence County...*

## **Location & Climate**

- Located in the northeast area of the state
- Surrounded by Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Williamsburg, Clarendon, Sumter, and Lee counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.6 degrees and experiences 43.72 inches of precipitation annually



## **Population**

- 129,679 in 2004
- 58.7% white and 41.3% nonwhite (Census 2000)
- Median age was 35.5 years old (Census 2000)
- Estimated growth of 138,810 by 2015

## **Labor Force**

- Decreased from 64,329 in 2003 to 63,348 in 2004
- Unemployment rate rose from 7.5% in 2003 to 8.2% in 2004

## **Employment**

- Average monthly employment for the county was 58,134 in 2004, compared to 58,928 in 2003

## **Per Capita Income**

- Per capita income for the county was \$26,088 in 2003
- It was 100% of the state's PCI of \$26,144

## **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

The Florence Workforce Center paid \$12,185,610 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2004.

## **Florence Workforce Center**

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